

**REMARKS**

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith to traverse the double patenting rejection of claims 15-23 made in the Office Action dated June 24, 2004.

Claims 1-47 are now pending. Minor amendments have been made to claims 1, 7-12, 29, 31-37, and new claims 40-47 have been added to further clarify the applicant's invention.

Since the only ground of rejection, double patenting, has been traversed (by filing the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer), pending claims 1-47 are believed to be allowable. A favorable examination is earnestly solicited. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

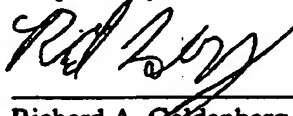
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees for filing the Request for Continued Examination (\$790), fees for 7 additional dependent claims (\$400), Request for a Three Month Extension of Time (\$1,020), and the Terminal Disclaimer fee (\$130) for a large entity in the total amount of \$2,340 to Deposit Account no. 08-0219.

Please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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